

124D.6 Medical use of cannabidiol — affirmative defense.

1. a. A recommendation for the possession or use of cannabidiol as authorized by [this chapter](#) shall be provided exclusively by a neurologist for a patient who has been diagnosed with intractable epilepsy.

b. Cannabidiol provided exclusively pursuant to the recommendation of a neurologist shall be obtained from an out-of-state source and shall only be recommended for oral or transdermal administration.

c. A neurologist shall be the sole authorized recommender as part of the treatment plan by the neurologist of a patient diagnosed with intractable epilepsy. A neurologist shall have the sole authority to recommend the use or amount of cannabidiol, if any, in the treatment plan of a patient diagnosed with intractable epilepsy.

2. A neurologist, including any authorized agent thereof, shall not be subject to prosecution for the unlawful recommendation, possession, or administration of marijuana under the laws of this state for activities arising directly out of or directly related to the recommendation or use of cannabidiol in the treatment of a patient diagnosed with intractable epilepsy.

3. a. In a prosecution for the unlawful possession of marijuana under the laws of this state, including but not limited to [chapters 124](#) and [453B](#), it is an affirmative and complete defense to the prosecution that the patient has been diagnosed with intractable epilepsy, used or possessed cannabidiol pursuant to a recommendation by a neurologist as authorized under [this chapter](#), and, for a patient eighteen years of age or older, is in possession of a valid cannabidiol registration card.

b. In a prosecution for the unlawful possession of marijuana under the laws of this state, including but not limited to [chapters 124](#) and [453B](#), it is an affirmative and complete defense to the prosecution that the person possessed cannabidiol because the person is a primary caregiver of a patient who has been diagnosed with intractable epilepsy and is in possession of a valid cannabidiol registration card, and where the primary caregiver's possession of the cannabidiol is on behalf of the patient and for the patient's use only as authorized under [this chapter](#).

c. (1) The defenses afforded a patient under paragraph "a" apply to a patient only if the quantity of cannabidiol oil possessed by the patient does not exceed thirty-two ounces.

(2) The defenses afforded a primary caregiver under paragraph "b" apply to a primary caregiver only if the quantity of cannabidiol oil possessed by the primary caregiver does not exceed thirty-two ounces per patient.

d. If a patient or primary caregiver is charged with the commission of a crime and is not in possession of the person's cannabidiol registration card, any charge or charges filed against the person shall be dismissed by the court if the person produces to the court at the person's trial a cannabidiol registration card issued to that person and valid at the time the person was charged.

4. An agency of this state or a political subdivision thereof, including any law enforcement agency, shall not remove or initiate proceedings to remove a patient under the age of eighteen from the home of a parent based solely upon the parent's or patient's possession or use of cannabidiol as authorized under [this chapter](#).

[2014 Acts, ch 1125, §7](#)

For future repeal of this section effective July 1, 2017, see §124D.8